



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force

November 18, 2015

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call – 7:13 PM

Member	Present, 3 needed for quorum
Catherine Diviney	X
Robert Palmer	
Bernie Pelletier	X
Joe Campanella	X
Chris Nelson	X
Total	4
Additional Attendees	Dave Mello, Craig Diamond, Michell & Amarnela (Hall HS Students) Max DuBuisson, Bernard Lungaho

2. Approval of Minutes – Oct 14, 2015

Postponed until next meeting – Catherine did not type up.

3. Receipt of Communications

none

4. Updates & Unfinished Business

a. Task Force Resolution passed – alternates

Council passed resolution (attached) at Oct 27, 2015 meeting. This will make it easier to make quorum. It was decided that email should be sent to Task Force for self-nominations for alternate candidates. Once candidates are identified, task force will vote. Not sure who appropriate Staff alternate would be. Chris to send email.

b. Site visit after meeting – final pilot street lights & Wolcott exterior

Anyone is welcome to come with Catherine.

c. Great Hartford Assoc of Realtors Event – Jan 2016?

Craig Diamond to make contact again. Catherine sent NREL study that Bernie found on price premium for houses with solar to Assoc.

Additional Event: April 13, 2015 Catherine invited to be guest speaker at Bishops Corner Senior Center breakfast.

5. New Business

a. Proposed Task Force Meeting Calendar for 2016 (Wed)

Decision was made to change meeting night to Monday starting in March so that Bob Palmer could attend more frequently. **Vote to adopt following calendar was taken, and passed. (Y – Catherine, Joe, Chris, Bernie; N – none).**

W Jan 20, 2016

W Feb 17

M Mar 14

M Apr 11

M May 16

M Jun 13

M Jul 11

M Aug 15

M Sep 12

M Oct 17

M Nov 14

M Dec 12

M Jan 16, 2017

- b. Global CO2 levels are above 400 ppm.

Bernie simply wanted to bring attention to this fact. It is a benchmark people never thought we would reach but we have. Makes our work even more important.

6. Energy / Recycling Plan

- a. Energy Use Data from Eversource – no progress

It was decided that we have been patient enough and that we should draft a strong letter from Mayor Slifka requesting this information. Bernie to draft letter.

- b. Residential Plan

There is a draft in circulation. Bernie will resend draft to Yahoo group. Max and Bernie have reviewed Vehicle Grand List and have good data for Baseline. Catherine will request Housing Grand List from the Assessor.

- c. Business Plan

Bernie suggested same approach for Business Plan as Residential. He will develop initial draft and then schedule a “special meeting” on this one topic.

- d. 2016 Outreach Plan

A brief brainstorm and outline of monthly events was started. There was some discussion about whether events should include both Business & Residential or focus only on Residential. Bernie also wanted to make sure that we structure each event so that attendees get a little bit of “science” (i.e., the why?) and then info about programs.

WHCETF - Outreach Plan (Draft 11/18/2015)	
Jan	Letter to all households from Scott, need dates of some events/website to check.
	Workshop on Programs, HES and Insulation
Feb	Lightbulb Event
Mar	
Apr	Solar/CE Options
May	
Jun	Electric Vehicles (Celebrate?) - dealer test drives
Jul	Solar/Banner
Aug	
Sep	
Oct	Recycling
Nov	
Dec	
Jan	
Other	Community TV
	WH Press
	Furnance, Hot Water, Mini-splits
	Fieldtrips - Energuze Ct Center.

7. Adjournment – 9:01 PM